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Honorable Steve Buyer
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Buyer:

This is in reply to your letter of May 3, 1993 in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Stanley Lukasik, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993.

We are sensitive to the needs of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect to issue final rules in 1994.

Sincerely,

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Congressman:

I am greatly disturbed by the information that I have read concerning the proposed revisions to the existing Private Land Mobile Radio Services.

First, the Notice of Inquiry was released almost two years ago, but I have just been made aware of it. I cannot be the only user of the Private Land Mobil Radio Services in this position. If this matter is so important, why did the F. C. C. not advise ALL present users of the Notice and then hold CONVENIENT meetings throughout the U. S. in order to obtain a comprehensive feed-back? Or--- did the F. C. C. just notify certain people and hold "hearings" at certain locations in order to be told just what it wanted to be told?

It is my understanding that the contentions of the F. C. C. Technical Staff are that a simple twist of a screwdriver is all that is necessary to reduce the channel width of the present frequencies. This is totally incorrect. Some base stations could be modified, but most of the mobile units and hand-held portables would have to be replaced at a very high cost. This would make "fat cats" out of the manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers. The losers would be the small independent users that can ill afford to replace existing equipment and, in the case of government entities, we the taxpayers who will have to foot the bill in the end. And to propose to cut the bandwidth once by 1-1-1996, and then again by 1-1-2012 is pure bureaucracy in action.

The concept of regional land mobil systems that would be dealt out to very few applicants already smells of collusion. The present system works. The old adage- If its not broken, don't fix it- applies.

The proposal to reduce the power output drastically (in some cases as low as 1 WATT) will only benefit the supply side and cause financial and logistical nightmares for the users of the system. I would be willing to bet that the vast majority of users of the present system do not try to over-power their needs.

2-22-1993

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cancel the Feb. 26, 1993 comment date.

Set up new meetings throughout the U. S. and notify ALL persons holding a F. C. C. license as